

Application No.: 09/871,309  
Amendment Dated November 21, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of August 19, 2005

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The specification has been objected to. The specification has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Official Action indicated that Figure 2 should be designated by the legend -- PRIOR ART --. Figure 2 has been appropriately designated.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 13, 14, 21 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicants' Fig. 2. In addition, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-14 and 21-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Oberholzer. Finally, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-14 and 21-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kiyobumi (JP 09-205004).

During the personal interview of November 15, 2005, Applicants' representative proposed a claim amendment which is now being officially made of record. At the time of the interview, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' claim amendment would overcome the rejection of record. Accordingly, withdrawal of the present rejection of record is respectfully requested.

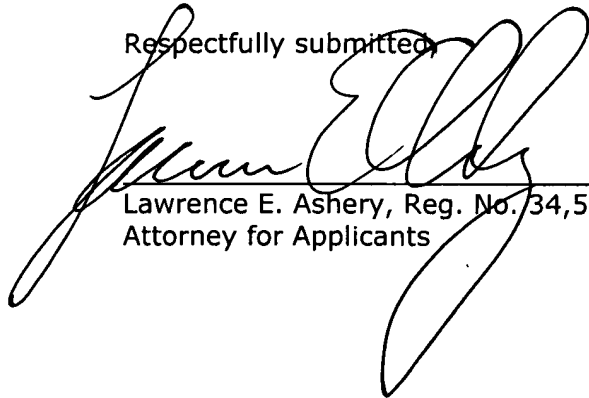
Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art or Kiyobumi. Claim 4, however, is patentable by virtue of its dependency on allowable claim 1.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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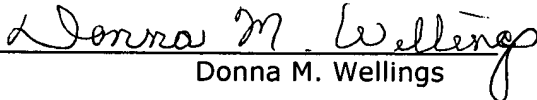
Attachment: Figure 2 (1 sheet)

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